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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Smallpox in Kauai.

HONOLULU, H. I., April 29, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that on April 23 a case of smallpox was reported to the board of health here, as occurring among a lot of Porto Ricans employed on a sugar plantation at Lihue, Kauai. As these Porto Ricans arrived there about three months ago, the cause of the appearance of the disease at this time is unknown, unless it be due to the recent opening of some of the baggage, originating either in infected places in Porto Rico or else obtained en route from infected sources in Arizona.

I have had a conference with the transportation people in regard to some precautions needed here upon the arrival of this class of immigrants. The result of action taken will be fully described and submitted for your approval.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.**Chief Quarantine Officer, Territory of Hawaii.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONOLULU, H. I., May 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the board of health has just reported to this office a case of smallpox among the Porto Ricans at Waimea, Kauai. No further particulars have been obtained.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,**Chief Quarantine Officer, Territory of Hawaii.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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HONDURAS.

Report from La Ceiba—Fruit port.

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, May 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make my report for the week ended May 4, 1901, and inclose copies of certificates issued.

Four vessels cleared from this port for the United States. April 28, steamship *Dudley*, Andersen; crew, 18; Mobile. May 1, steamship *Usk*, Hurry; crew, 20; New Orleans. May 2, two-masted schooner *Ellen M. Adams*, Thompson; crew, 8; Tampa. May 3, steamship *Suniva*, Johannsen; crew, 14; New Orleans.

The health of La Ceiba and adjacent country continues good.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, May 7, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make my report for the week ended May 7. Health conditions of this port and surrounding territory continue excel-

lent; no deaths. Following is a list of vessels inspected and passed during the week :

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	No. of Crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number of pieces baggage disinfected.
May 1	Am. ss. Stillwater.....	Galt.....	31	New Orleans, via Belize.	7	14
May 2	Am. ss. Habil	Gudmansen...	15	New Orleans, direct.	0	0
May 4	Am. ss. Adria	Rasmussen.....	15	Mobile direct.....	0	0
May 5	Am. ss. Alliance	Nielson.....	15	Mobile, via Ceiba ...	0	0

NOTE—Cargo, tropical fruit.

These vessels complied with all regulations. Proper certificates inclosed.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—The case of plague on the Taichu Maru—Plague in Formosa—Destruction of rats.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, April 24, 1901.

SIR : I have the honor to report on the sanitary condition of Japan as follows :

On April 13 I notified you, by letter, of the occurrence of a single fatal case of plague in Wakayama Ken, one of the districts attacked last season. So far no second case has been met with in this locality.

A case of plague, imported from Formosa, died in the city of Nagasaki, on the 17 instant, under the following circumstances: The steamship *Taichu Maru*, from Tainan, Formosa, reached Nagasaki April 16 after passing quarantine; the passengers, numbering 132, at once scattered. The next day, just as the ship was about to leave the port, one of the passengers, who had remained in Nagasaki, was found to be suffering from plague and died in half an hour after discovery. The ship was detained, disinfected, and placed under quarantine, such passengers arrived by her as could be found in the city were disinfected and isolated, and, so far as possible, those who had proceeded to other districts were traced and the local authorities notified to take similar precautions. So far no further development of the disease has occurred.

The governor-general of Formosa reports plague as epidemic in and about Tainan.

The destruction of rats is going on in all the larger cities of the Empire. In Osaka the local sanitary association has supplemented the efforts of the Government, which pays 5 sen (2½ cents) for each rat destroyed, by issuing to those receiving this reward a sort of lottery ticket, which will, perhaps, after a time, entitle the holder to a considerable prize. The results of this measure are marked, as it is reported that, since April 1, 50,000 rats have been killed in Osaka alone.

In Tokyo the authorities are issuing to the lower and poorer class of citizens nearly 50,000 improved rat traps, at a cost of 9.392 yens. Includ-